

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to MCL 791.240(4)
Quarterly Report of Parole Absconders
April 1, 2007

Section 4 of Public Act 487 of 2006:

- “The Department shall report to the legislature on a quarterly basis both of the following:
- (a) The number of parolees who are absconders.
 - (b) The number of parolees who have been absconders for more than 3 months.”

Analysis of information contained in the Department’s CMIS data base showed that:

- As of March 1, 2007, there were 2,618 parolees listed as absconders.
- Of the 2,618 absconders, 1,725 had been on abscond status for more than 90 days.

It is worth noting that this is the fewest in the past five years, and that 92% of these cases are Very Low, Low or Middle risk for assaultive behavior on parole.

It is also worth noting that almost 70% of all absconders were placed on that status within the past fifteen months, demonstrating that most cases are resolved within a comparatively short time. It is also worth noting that about eight (8) of every ten (10) absconders are ultimately continued on parole supervision following detection; generally with a local sanction and frequently under increased terms of supervision. The principal determinant of whether an offender gets continued on parole is the assessment of risk to the public. If it is determined that the parolee does not present a significant risk of harm apart from a failure to report or an unreported move, the chances are quite high that he/she will be allowed to remain in the community, albeit with adjusted supervision requirements.